

Minutes
Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee
On Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child
in Family Matters
May 17, 2021

The Training Subcommittee of the Standing Committee on Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters met via Microsoft Teams and was streamed on YouTube on Monday May 17, 2021.

Those in attendance: Ms. Liza Andrews, Policy Director, CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Attorney Susan Hamilton (as designated by Attorney Christine Rapillo); Attorney Justine Rakich-Kelly

Absent: Judge Michael Albis, chair.

Also in attendance were Ms. Danielle Johnson from the Division of Public Defender Services, and Attorney Damon Goldstein and Ms. Lauren Orlowski from the Judicial Branch's Court Operations Unit.

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Susan Hamilton.

I. Review and Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting was made by Liza Andrews and seconded by Justine Rakich-Kelly. The minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2021 were approved unanimously.

II. Discussion of Pre-Service Training for Guardians Ad Litem and Attorneys for the Minor Child in Family Matters

On May 14, 2021 the full Committee approved the training curriculum as required by CT Practice Book Section 25- 61A. The full Committee also approved the participation of students with appropriate academic prerequisites. The Subcommittee discussed exceeding the current 50 person capacity if necessary.

Subcommittee members will extend the invitation and registration information for the pre-service training to the Connecticut Bar Association as well as graduate and law schools in the state. The Subcommittee's final steps before the training include providing materials to the speakers and registrants

Pre-service training will commence Wednesday June 2, 2021. The training will be held remotely and will be recorded.

III. Schedule of Future Meetings

The next meeting of the Subcommittee will be held at a later date to be determined.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Justine Rakich-Kelly and seconded by Liza Andrews. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.